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Subject: RE: Pipeline P00547 Incident - October 2021

Hi Julio,

The US Coast Guard is the lead federal agency on the immediate response and EPA Region 9's Superfund Emergency Response Team is coordinating with them. If you have specific questions or concerns about the response, I can connect you to our emergency response team. I will be on the update meeting tomorrow and can talk more then as well. Thanks,

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Hi Julio,

I'm forwarding your email to our Enforcement Office so they can respond.

Many thanks,

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Subject: Fwd: Pipeline P00547 Incident - October 2021

Hi Amelia,

Is R9 responding to this release into federal waters? It has impacted the beaches of our region too.

Thanks,

Julio Lara

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Subject: FW: Pipeline P00547 Incident - October 2021

Follow up

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Location: Pacific Ocean off Huntington/Newport Beach area (see map below)

Release: 126,000-gallons oil reported to date

Water Body Impacted: Pacific Ocean

Status Update 10/3/21 at 1200:

The Unified Command (UC) for this incident consists of Beta Offshore (the Responsible Party (RP)), the U.S. Coast Guard, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR). Supporting agencies are the cities of Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Media Contacts: Alex Gray, U.S. Coast Guard, 619-252-1304 Eric Laughlin, CDFW-OSPR, 916-214-3279. If your office receives media inquiries, these are the numbers for the incident response.

The City of Huntington Beach Public Advisory (attached) stated that based on the most current information available, while the leak has not been completely stopped, preliminary patching has been completed to repair

the oil spill site. Additional repair efforts will be attempted in the morning. Skimming equipment and booms were deployed to prevent the inflow of oil into the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and Huntington Beach Wetlands, city officials said.

Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach) asked the Biden administration Sunday to declare a major disaster in Orange County, requesting fact action in approving public and individual assistance for impacted cities and counties.

Orange County Supervisor Katrina Foley reported that they are seeing significant ecological impacts from the oil spill and it has washed up onto the Huntington Beach beachfront and individuals are started to find dead birds & fish washing up on the shore. (see photos below).

The City of Newport Beach is advising residents and visitors to avoid contact with ocean water and oiled areas of the beach, following a large oil spill that was identified Saturday off the coast of Newport and Huntington Beach. Oil has been observed on shore in Newport Beach between 52nd street and the Santa Ana River.

The Wildlife Care Center is reporting dead marine life as a result of the oil spill. The number to call if someone comes across affected wildlife is 877-823-6926 for the Oiled Wildlife Care Network. Trained spill response contractors are working to clean up oil. Public volunteers are not needed and could hinder response efforts, said authorities.







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Subject: RE: Cal OES Spill Reports 21-5440, 21-5446, and 21-5450 in Pacific Ocean

Status Update 10/3/21 at 0100:

The City of Huntington Beach, in coordination with other Federal, State, and local agencies, has continued assessment and mitigation efforts in response to the 126,000 gallon oil spill impacting coastal Orange County. The spill has significantly affected Huntington Beach, with substantial ecological impacts occurring at the beach and at the Huntington Beach Wetlands. In response, Huntington Beach Fire and Marine Safety personnel have been deployed throughout the day to implement environmental containment efforts.

Currently, the oil slick plume measures an estimated 5.8 nautical miles long, and runs from the Huntington Beach Pier down into Newport Beach. Given the oil spill impacts, the decision was made by both the City and the State to close the ocean from the Pier all the way down to the Santa Ana River jetty.

At this time, due to the toxicity created by the spill, the City is asking that all individuals remain clear of the beach and avoid coming into contact with oiled areas.

Minimizing damage and impacts to our City's sensitive wetlands and marine environments are of the utmost importance. Skimming equipment and booms were deployed to prevent the inflow of oil into the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve and Huntington Beach Wetlands. The California Department of Fish & Wildlife has also set up the Oiled Wildlife Care Network hotline, which can be reached at (877) 823-6926, for individuals to call if anyone sees wildlife impacted from the oil.

The US Coast Guard is the lead agency coordinating the response to the oil spill incident and the investigation into how the spill occurred. Based on the most current information available, while the leak has not been completely stopped, preliminary patching has been completed to repair the oil spill site. Additional repair efforts will be attempted in the morning. As additional details become available from the US Coast Guard, the City of Huntington Beach will pass that information along.



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Newport Beach Oil Spill Response - Initial UC Statement

Media Contacts:

Alex Gray, U.S. Coast Guard, 619-252-1304

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LONG BEACH, Calif – A unified command has been established to respond to an oil spill reported to be approximately 13 square miles in size, 3 miles off the coast of Newport Beach.

The unified command consists of Beta Offshore, the Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Office of Spill Prevention and Response (CDFW-OSPR). Supporting agencies are the cities of Long Beach, Newport Beach, and Huntington Beach, and the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

CDFW-OSPR is monitoring for oiled wildlife. If anyone encounters oiled wildlife, do not approach. Call the Oiled Wildlife Care Network at 1-877-823-6926.

Members of the public are asked to avoid any oiled areas. Trained spill response contractors are working to clean up oil. Public volunteers are not needed and could hinder response efforts. We request that members of the public stay away from the area.

The cause of the spill, volume and type of oil are under investigation.



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Status Update: The City of Newport Beach is reporting that the large oil spill reported off the coast earlier today is now expected to come ashore in Newport Beach at some point tonight, at a location between Balboa Pier and CdM Main Beach. A Unified Incident Command is established. at the Long Beach Emergency Operations Center. The EOC is being staffed by multiple cities, agencies and emergency response teams, including Newport Beach, under U.S. Coast Guard command. The City is closely monitoring. City fire, public works, police and harbor teams are ready to respond.



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RE: Cal OES Spill Reports 21-5440, 5446, and 5450 (attached)

Location: Pacific Ocean off Huntington/Newport Beach area (see map below)

Release: unknown amount of oil

Water Body Impacted: Pacific Ocean

Please see the following incident report for your situational awareness. This incident is in federal waters so no actions for EMP or the Regional Water Board to take but wanted to bring this to everyone's attention.

Incident Descriptions:

21-5440: The first report appears to be from a Colonial Compliance Systems, Inc vessel yesterday evening that reported an unknown sheen in the water near their vessel in the Pacific Ocean. An update to the report stated that an additional NRC report was received for the observed that had been called in by NOAA / Satellite Analysis Branch. Satellite imagery reported an anomaly that was unconfirmed as oil which was centered approximately 4.5 nautical miles West of Huntington Beach in the coastal pacific ocean The anomaly measured approximately 2.8 nautical miles in length and up to 0.7 nautical miles in width. the anomaly was dark against its background with sharp edges and winds at the time of the image were from the WNW at around 5 knots.

21-5446: This morning Witt O'Brien's which specializes in crisis and emergency management reported there was leak from a 16-inch pipeline on the Elly Oil Platform causing crude oil to be released into the Pacific Ocean. They stated the pipeline has been shut in containment was not confirmed and an investigation was underway.

21-5450: Additionally this morning, DCOR which is an offshore energy and production on the West Coast reported a sheen has been spotted under the oil platform Eva due to unknown reasons and that the sheen is moving towards the east. They reported it was unknown if the release has been stopped and is not contained with the Pacific Ocean impacted.

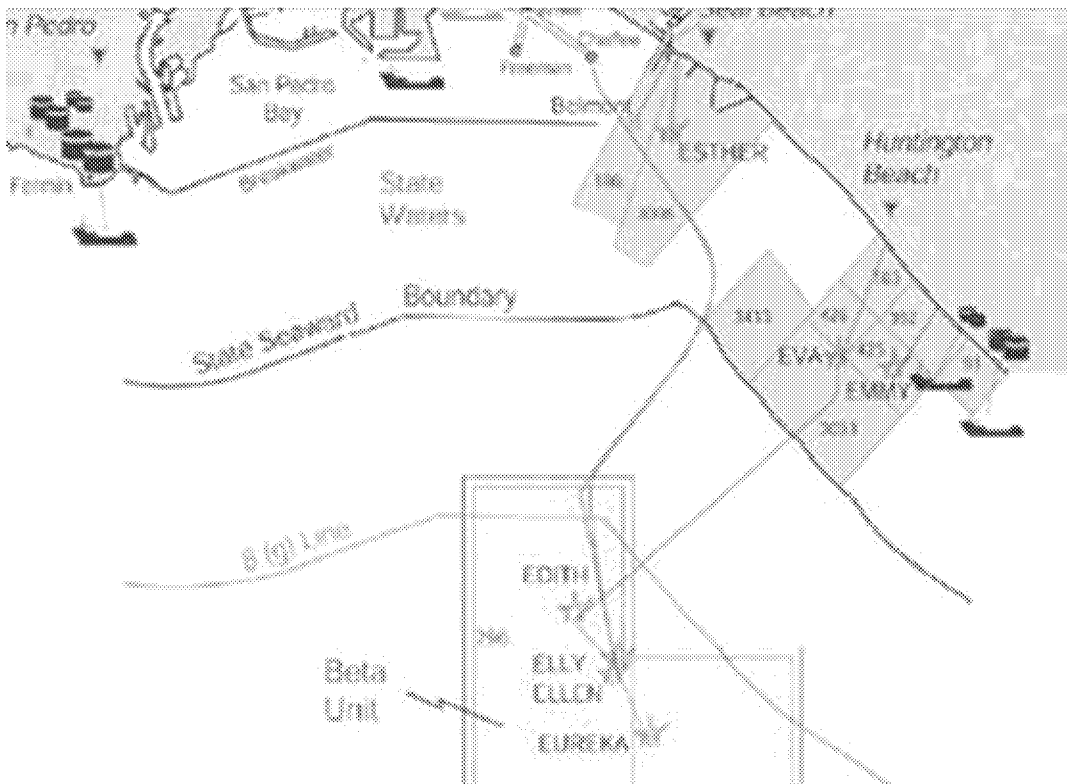
OSPR: Posted that they were responding to reports of oil in federal waters several miles offshore of Huntington Beach and that multiple reports of sheen were made to Cal OES as shown above. An OSPR crew is on water surveilling area with the source, volume & oil type under investigation.

U.S. Coast Guard Pacific Southwest: Posted that the Coast Guard is responding to an oil slick reported to be approximately 13 square miles in size. The oil slick was reported approximately 3 miles off Newport Beach.

I have also attached the Mercury News article on the spill and here is the link:

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2021/10/02/coast-guard-responding-to-large-oil-slick-3-miles-off-newport-beach/>

Below is a map of the oil rigs located in that area showing the Elly and Eva platforms.



I will send out any additional information as it is received.

Have a good evening.



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